## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-10 and 12-32 are currently pending. Claims 1, 10, 22, and 25 have been amended. Claim 11 was previously canceled. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-10 and 12-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Independent claims 1, 10, 22, and 25 have each been amended to overcome the § 112 rejection. The conditional language on which the § 112 rejection is based has been removed from each of independent claims 1, 10, 22, and 25. Applicants thank the Examiner for his telephone discussion regarding the claims and for suggestions for claim amendments to overcome the rejection.

## **CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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